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NEWS IN BRIEF

Compiled from Various Sources.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL THE nomination of Mr. T. C. Manning, to be Minister to Mexico, is still in the President's hand. It was made out at the State Department and was sent to the White House for the President's signature and there it stepped, while the report went out that it would probably go no further. The news that there is an intention to make another change does not cause much sur-

prise at the capital. THE will of the lase Richard Perkins, of Boston, provides for bequests to educational and charitable institutions of \$237, 000. The Massachusetts Institute of

Technology gets \$100,000. THE announcement that Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Coburg had been asked to accept the Bulgarian throne is officially

On the 16th Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fisk celebrated their golden wedding at New The heirs of the Stewart estate have decided to sell the contents of the Fifth ave-

March. It was considered probable on a review of the field on the 16th, that the proposition to take up the Morrison Tariff bill in the House for consideration would be defeated

nue mansion in New York at auction in

by from three to five votes. THE Secretary of the Navy and the President himself, it is also understood, have given emphatic indication of their desire to have the House pass as speedily as pos-

the Navy Department. FRIENDS of the late General W. S. Hancock have, as a token of regard to his memory, raised a sum of money with which they have purchased a home for his widow. The committee having the matter in charge. after consultation with Mrs. Hancock, have finally decided upon the purchase of a home in Washington, which will hereafter be her home.

On the 16th Hon. Marshall P. Wilder died at his residence at Roxbury, Mass. He had just passed his eighty-eighth birthday. Mr. Wilder had for many years been one of the most prominent pomologists and horticulturists of the country. He gree. was president of the American Pomological Society and was making active preparations for a meeting of that society in Boston, in 1887, at the time of his death. JUDGE THURMAN'S friends say he is out

Buffalo (N. Y.) Commercial, died on the

day occurred on the 17th, and it was appropriately celebrated.

in Mount Clair, N. J., a few days ago, as nearly a year previously. Major Hurd and their papers destroyed. was a native of Ohio, and had reached the ripe age of ninety-seven years. He enjoyed the distinction of having shaken by Pierce, for whom he cast his first vote, to

On the 17th Judge Cooley notified Judge Gresham of his acceptance of the Wabash On the 17th Cardinal Gibbons and Arch-

bishops Corrigan and Ryan had a conference at Philadelphia, supposably on the On the night of the 17th Jake Schaefer beat Slosson in the billiard match in Chieago by a score of 500 points to 430. HENRY W. Guany, editor of the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, in an interview at New

York, on the 17th, said that "everything south of Mason and Dixon's line is for Grover Cleveland. GOVERNOR R. A. ALGER of Michigan will give each of 487 Detroit newsboys a suit of dothes for a Christmas present. The

boys have been ricasured, and the suits are to be delivered at their homes Christmas evening. THE new War Department order adding Southern California to General Miles' department, is taken on all sides as evidence

that the policy and course of General Miles have been satisfactory to the President and his advisors. MRS. LANDSHAF the boycotted New York baker, has opened a dispensary on a

small scale at her house, for the sale of German pills. The boycott ruined her bakery business and she since has found difficulty in making a living. EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany has been a daily visitor of late to the atores at

Unter der Linden, purchasing Christmas presents for the Imperial household. Mr. Monurson's motion in the House of Representatives on the 19th to go into committee of the whole for the purpose of con- has been customary to pay for their carsidering revenue bills, was defeated by a riages and gloves used in making New vote of yeas, 149; nays, 154.

has notified the cierks, whose work is in nanced. arrears, that they will, after January 3, be until they catch up. Poor fellows. Tun farewell banquet to Abram S.

was a happy affair. Mr. Hewitt assumes his duties as mayor of New York, Jan-ATTORNEY GENERAL LEES of Nebraska complains in his report to the Governor of

the tendency of the Federal courts to en-PROMINENT naval officers are said to be period.

opposed to Secretary Whitney's plan for the admission of meritorious apprentices to the Naval Academy. Mn. Bannant, by voting against the con-

sideration of any revenue bills whatever, s placed in a peculiar position regarding his own tariff bill. REV. WM. M. BARROUR, D. D., paster of

Yale university, has tendered his resignation, to take effect in June next. Ex-Governor Frederick Pitkin of persons Sixteen arrests were made. Colorado died at Pueblo on the night of the

18th of consumption. The remains were taken to Denver for Informent. HENRY C. KINGSLEY, for the past quarter of a century treasurer at Yale univer-

sity, died on the 19th, aged seventy-one years. A FUND is to be raised for a woman's and girls' offering to Queen Victoria in honor of the fiftieth year of her reign.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES. On the 16th John Dillon, William O'Brien, Matthews Harris and David Shoohy were arrested at Loughres, Ireland, while collecting rents according to

the "Plan of Campaign." CRARLES HOFFERBURTH'S Saw-mill at Evansville, Ind., was wrecked by a boiler | ters. explosion, on the 14th, and Frank Poplin THE principals in the celebrated Robin son poisoning case, Sarah Robinson, Dr. C. C. Beers and Thomas R. Smith, were ar- plantation. raigned at Cambridge, Mass., on the 14th. for the alleged murder of Wm. J. Robinson, and the other for the alleged murder

of Lizzie Robinson. Schwartz, the brakeman who is suspected of knowing something about the great Rock Island train robbery, was held | wished to demonstrate to the President, to the Chicago Criminal Court on the 14th was taken in charge by the Washington ing home a little after 9 o'clock on the in a bond of \$2,000 on a charge of bigamy. | police on the 19th. He asserts that the railroad company is pushing the charge of bigamy against him secret service cautions the public against In the House, on the 18th, a motion made in order to keep him in custody.

In the House, on the 18th, a motion made by Mr. Morrison to take up his tariff bill

tout of \$40,000 by fire.

In York County, S. C., an organized band of colored thieves and murderers has been discovered and twenty-six arrests have lost heavily by the recent panic in lowa capitalists have recently bought

On the 15th Rev. A. S. Orcutt, a Baptist

Pipe Stone, Minn. rocess of demolition on the site of the able to stand. roposed new Congressional Library buildag in Washington fell, precipitating seval workmen to the basement, all of whom were more or less seriously injured y the falling debris. On the 17th the whaling bark Atlantic vas wrecked off San Francisco with large | with Russia.

oss of life. RECORDER SMITH deferred sentencing Mc'Quade, the convicted ex-alderman of ew York, until Monday, the 20th. Counsel representing ex-Alderman Mcmade, of New York, the convicted bribeaker, will move for a new trial. No more

f the "boodle" cases will be taken up his month. On the 17th Charles Anderson was senmeed to the penitentiary from Clinton, Il., for fourteen years for forgery. On the 17th Gratiot Washburne, son of

ion. E. B. Washburne, dropped dead at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky. AT Pine Knot, Tenn., on the 17th, a locootive was ditched on the Cincinnati outhern railroad by the breaking of an axle, and the engineer and fireman were

THERE of the nine youths recently senenced to death at Sidney, New South Wales, for assaulting a servant girl, have been let off with life imprisonment. SYLVESTER GRANDA, who was arrested t Kansas City, Mo., for complicity in the Haddock murder, has made a confession.

WM. E. JORDAN, a business man of

orydon, Ind., committed suicide on the 17th

by shooting. He was a member of several sible the bill consolidating the bureaus of secret societies and had his life insured for JOHN T. McGOWAN, receiver of the Juardian Savings Institution of New York, is \$77,000 short in his accounts, as Mr. Platt's resolution for nominations to be

> Tweed and members of his ring. Ox the 17th the jury at East Cambridge, Mass., rendered its verdict in the case of George Francis Baker and Mary Ann Jane Baker, his wife, charged with the murder of Susannah Prescott, of Groton, Mass. The man was acquitted; the woman was found guilty of murder in the second de-

CHRISTIAN F. SCHAU, a tailor, shot his daughters, Minnie and Annie, at Erie, Pa., on the 19th, killing the former outright and fatally wounding the latter, and in attempting to escape shot at a policeman, who clubbed him senseless. He narrowly JAMES D. WARREN, proprietor of the escaped being lynched, but was finally landed in jail.

JOHN G. WHITTIER'S seventy-ninth birth. In the Haddock murder case is now repu- was passed granting a pension to Mrs. Barbara fluence of counsel for other defendants, MAJOR NATUALEL F. HURD died at the | who managed to gain access to them while home of his grandson, H. G. H. Tarr, Esq., on route from Kansas City to Sioux City. NEAR Tullamore, Ireland, on the 19th. the result of injuries sustained by a fall two process servers were badly beaten MISCELLANEOUS.

THE North Wales farmers have expelled the church bailiffs and escorted them out the hand every President from Franklin of the district. There is thought to be trouble ahead. On the 16th the Ohio Supreme Court de-

cided the Dow law constitutional. LABORERS on Aquilla Laferty's farm in Pike County, Ind., dug up the headless remains of a colored man, the supposed vic tim of striking miners, whose places were aken by negroes from the South. A mand of Dacoita numbering 700 were scently pursued by British troops in Burmah and 200 of them were killed.

A PORTION of the letters stolen from the Ostend express in Belgium, recently, were found in the Grand Hotel at Brussels. On the 16th a banquet was given at Paris by General Pelissier to Minister Mc-Lane and the French delegates who attended the unvailing of the Bartholdi

COUNT HERBERT BISMARCK asserts that emplete accord exists between Germany, England and France concerning the relaions between Germany and the Sultan of Zanzibar.

THE Bombay Gasette charges that the French are actively intriguing against the British in the Somali country, East Africa. In the United States Court at Chicago u the 10th, Judge Gresham appointed Judge Cooley, of Michigan, to be receiver of the Wabash railway, THE appouncement of the failure of Charles Winchester, of Ashburnham, Mass., on the 16th, for \$500,000, and the

essible embarrassment of several banks n consequence, caused a sensation in busmeas circles. Tur Washington Star thinks it is probable that Comptroller Durham will disallow the usual expenses of justices of the Supreme Court on New Year's Day. It

Year's calls, but it is very doubtful if the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS MONTGOMERT | time-honored custom will be counte-THE statements recently printed in ofrequired to work from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. | feet that John Roach, the ship-builder, was dying, or in imminent danger of death are denied. At his home, on the 16th, Mr. Hewitt by his Congressional associates Roach's son and physician stated that the

in Washington, on the night of the 19th, subject of inquiry was about the house and extremely annoyed at the reports of his serious condition On the 17th the blooded stock belonging to Fred Archer, the late English jockey, was sold at auction for £3,585.

Dunixo the seven days ended the 17th creach upon the prorogatives of the State the business failures occurring through-Judiciary, particularly in criminal cases. out the country numbered in the United Generat Logan is confined to his house States 260, and for Canada 28, a total of at Washington with inflammatory rheu- 288, against 274 for the preceding like LOUISVILLE, Kv., has announced a great

stake race for \$50,000 for the spring meeting of 1889. An injunction has been issued restrainlines from refusing to carry any mails of-

fered for American ports. Or the 17th indictments for election frauds were returned by the Federal grand | the 20th. jury in St. Louis against alarge number of Ox the 17th the trump insurrection at the Lancaster (Pa.) workhouse ended, the

men resuming work at the stone-breaking, after having been deprived of food for thirty-six hours. ebate, the bill to redeem the trade dol-

lar. A similar measure is pending in the Mississippi. Ox the 17th the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' National Homes were in session at Washington, making estimates and ideavoring to secure an increase of ac-

emmedations for the homes. They cover an area of 1,500 hectares, and pockets. are estimated to contain 750,000,000 hectoli-

was killed, several others being wounded. has been formed at Berlin, and has bought 25,000 hectares of land from the African Society, with the object of establishing a

THE Chinese Minister to Germany on the by being thrown from his buggy and hav-The indictments were two in number-one | 19th inspected two new iron-clads in course | ing both arms broken and sustaining inof construction at Stettin for his govern- juries on the head that may prove fatal. ment, and which are nearly completed. He has also ordered four gunbouts. CASPAR TURNING, a German crank with

"secret telegraphy" schome which he

CHIEF DEUMNOND of the United States robbed. On the 15th the seed store and agricul- posed to have been recently put in circulatural warehouse of J. W. McCullough & | tion. The note is of the series of 1880, let-Co., at Cincinnati, was damaged to the ex- | ter "C," is thick and greasy to the touch. and one-eighth of an inch shorter than the

THE most savage prize fight that ever ocinister, lost his life in a hotel fire at curred in the East took place at Boston on the 19th between Dick Cronin and Abe On the 15th the walls of a building in Humer, both fighting until they were un-

> Two Germans have been arrested at Brussels, Belgium, on the charge of being implicated in the late robbery of a mail train between Ostend and Verviers. THE London Post, in an inspired article, warns Turkey against further coquetting

Books, papers, etc., have been removed from the office of United Ireland in view of a possible seizure of the office by the Gow-THE renunciation of polygamy by two shops of the Mormon Church, and the fact that the president and vice-president of the church are in exile, has greatly

veakened the faith of the masses. LAND League meetings were held in many parts of Ireland on the 20th, but the absence of priests is commented upon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. In the Senate on the 14th a resolution was presented regarding immigration, naturaliza-tion and suffrage, from German citizens of Wisconsin. The bill for the retirement and recoin age of the trade dollar was reported back from the committee on finance. A bill was introduced to increase pen-sions of disabled soldiers. The House amendments to the Electoral bill were non concurred in. The bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office law was debated In the House plutions were adopted regarding the interpretation of the Tariff law of 1883. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was considered in committee of the whole and several amendments were adopte d.

Is the Senate on the 15th a memorial was presented against admission of foreign built ships to American registry. A resolution was ered inquiring how the Missouri River Commission had apportioned its money. The Tenure-of-Office bill was laid over till the 16th. stated by the referee appointed by the considered in open session was laid court to pass upon the receiver's reports. On the table, The conference report. The Guardian was once controlled by Boss out the Inter-State Commerce bill was conferent printed. The bill prohibiting Senators

ordered printed. The bill prohibiting Senators or Representatives from acting as attorneys for absidized railroad companies was discussed .In the House-Messrs. Caldwell, Eden and Cooper were appointed conferees on the Electoral Count bill. Allotment in severalty to dians was considered. Certain additiona cities were brought under provisions of the National Banking law. The Sundry Civil Approintions bill was taken up. A bill to supply a effelency in appropriations for public printing was reported. Adjourned.

In the Senate on the 16th a resolution was opted regarding the reapportionment of the Missouri river appropriations. Petitions were presented from tobacco manufacturers in reference to the packing of cut tobacco. The bill was passed permitting owners of American els to sue the Government for losses caused THE confession attributed to the Grandas | by collision with United States vessels. A bill marks previously made reflecting on the judiclary committee. The debate on the Tenureof-Office bill was resumed In the House a bill was passed providing for the retirement of Admirals Rowan and Worden. Remonstrances were presented against the Dunn Free Ship bill. The bill was passed for allotment of ands in severalty to Indians; also, the Urgent effetency bill for public printing. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was considered in mmittee of the whole.

> In the Senate on the 17th petitions were proresolution was offered for appointment of a lect committee of five Senators to investigate the troubles with Mexico. The bill for retire-ment and recoinage of the trade-dollar passed, The bill extending the free-delivery system passed. A measure was introduced providing for issue of two and one-balf per cent. bonds. he bill giving pension claimants, whose plications have been rejected, the right of trial by jury was recommitted. A bill was assed for relief of B. B. Connor, of Louisville. Bills authorizing construction of bridges across certain rivers were passed. The bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office act was passed In the House an inquiry was orered into the proposed consolidation of cercain offices. A bill was introduced providing for a fisheries commission. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was passed. Memorials were presented regarding the rights of Ameridiustment of the accounts of the McMinnville & Manchester Railroad Company was passed. The Senate bill was passed increasing the pen-sion of General Benj. F. Kelly, of West Virginia. An evening session was held and severl pension bills were passed.

THE Senate was not in session on the 19th. In the House the Senate amendments to the House bill authorizing the employment of mail essengers in the postal service were hon-concurred in, and a conference was ordered, The House refused unanimous consent ficers were hurt. sidered in committee of the whole, but pending action the morning hour expired. Mr. Morrison Ill.) moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the State of the Union and consider reverue bills. Defeated on a yea and nay | diary. vote-yeas, 149; nays 154. Pending an attempt

---CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

JOSEPH WHEELER and Ed. Hogan, who robbed the telephone girls at Little Rock last week, pleaded guilty on the 21st, and were given one year in the penitentiary for each offense.

colored laborers in the agricultural sections into Knights of Labor is causing a great commotion among the leaders of the colored people of that State.

Ar Chattanooga, Tean., on the 21st, Mrs. front of a moving train, slipped on the track, and in a mement the train passed over her body, severing both legs near the dps. She died in an hour.

A BILL appropriating \$400,000 a year for arms, ordnance stores, quartermuster's stores and camp equipage for the militia ing the Cunard and White Star Steamship of the country, passed the Senate on the

THE entire business portion of the town of Vilonia. Ark., was destroyed by fire on TEN thousand men are likely to be

of the coke syndicate at Pittsburg to grant the demand of the workmen. FULLY \$1,000,000 of foreign capital has ound investments at Chattanooga, Tenn., On the 17th the Senate possed without in the past four weeks, the greater por-

J. D. Moore, of Montgomery, was robbed farm. of \$400 at a private boarding house in Birmingham, Ala., on the night of the 18th. Another place was burglarized of \$67 and two gold watches. There is strong VALUABLE seams of coal have recently svidence of the presence in the city of a been discovered in the vicinity of Posen. band of professional thieves and pick-

> the view of raising a fund for a women's and girls' offering to Queen Victoria, in honor of the fiftieth year of her reign. met with a painful accident, on the 18th SEARCY COUNTY, ARK., is all aglow with

the silver excitement, several mines having just been discovered. Ms. John Zent, of Memphis, while gonight of the 18th, was knocked down steam from one boiler was turned into the

was lost by a vote of 149 to 154. SUSANA WARREN, perhaps the oldest citizen in the United States, if not in the world, is dead. She was born in Augus-A SUSINER of Coppressmen are said to time, Fla., 1750.

large bodies of land in the Yagoo delta.

SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

Free tuition in the South Carolina Col lege has been in part abolished A citizen of Charleston, S. C., is making money by selling "earthquake sand" at twenty-five cents per pound.

A Beaufort (Ga.) bride is the groom's third wife, and the groom is her third husof about the same age.

in bonds given to the contractors for the court-house, some of which were recently On the 1st of January the sum of \$265,001

ury is empty and overdrawn, but Comp troller Pickard announces that the interest will be paid. The Gate City Guard of Atlanta, Ga., the most famous volunteer company in the Southern States, has closed a contract with a steamship company for transportation to Antworp. Thence the command intends to make a tour of the continent, ncluding a march across the Alps from Switzerland into Italy. Eighty members will probably take the trip. Governor and Mrs. Gordon have been invited to accom-

pany the organization. An outgoing accommodation train on the Vicksburg & Meridian railroad dropped a spark of fire in the dry grass near the Jewish Cemetery, one mile east of Vicksburg, a few nights ago. The fire soon spread to the cemetery, consuming about half of the fencing and killing about five hundred dollars worth of ornamental

Ex-Governor Preston H. Leslie of Ken tucky has been nominated Governor of In the Savannah (Ga.) markets shad are selling at eight cents each. A gourd in Barron County, Ky., holds twelve gallons. A cow in Owen County, Ky., four and a

half years old, has given birth to four calves in three years. A citizen of Athens, Ga., recently paid his subscription to the local paper fifty years in advance. There are but few like him. Texas towns are experiencing great scarcity of coal through lack of transporta-

It has been discovered that the weight of cotton has been increased by dishonest Southern dealers by salting it. Tennessee's peanut crop this year is acre is forty-two bushels. E. L. Gaston, a prominent farmer of there will be a clash, unless some under Coweta County, Ga., shot and killed his standing is reached before that moment son-in-law, W. W. Estes, in a fight a few Mr. Hatch's measure is on the calendar as

"Aunt Amy" Gordon, who was born in near Lynchburg, Va., where she had again. The committee on appropriation lived during the past seventy years. There are seven Swiss colonies in Kentucky, and all the people are doing well nted for reduction of the eleomargarine tax, and living comfortably. A large number of Swiss are now on their way from Enrope to found another colony near Lin-

> Mayor Perry and some friends made a brutal attack upon two temperance speakers who had given offense. One of the last week, but the Tenure-of-Office bill was lecturers was knocked down on the rail- given precedence when it lost its position. road track with brass knuckles; the other and is now on the calender as a special orwas in the act of shooting the mayor when his arm was seized. Representative Oates, of Alabama, is

a clerk for each member, at a salary of tion people being \$1,000 per day. The planters of the Teche region of Louisiana, at a convention recently held good attendance of Senators, which is not can vessels in Spanish ports. The bill for the at Franklin, seemed to agree that sugar can be profitably manufactured, tariff or

using improved machinery. A sheriff, deputy and four policemen made a raid on a negro gambling-den near Birmingham, Ala., a few nights ago, when a fusilade occurred between the occupants of the house and the officers. The result was that five of the gamblers were captured and two were killed. None of the of-

to put upon its passage a bill appropriating \$500,000 for a public building at Charleston, S. C. The Oklahoma bill was considered in the property of the handsome residence of R. K. Carter, of Tuscola, La., burned to the ground a few nights ago. It was unoccupied at The handsome residence of R. K. Cara few nights ago. It was unoccupied at the time. Loss, \$3,500; insured in the Royal, of Liverpool, for \$2,250. The fire Bragg, chairman of the committee on was undoubtedly the work of an incen-

consider the Naval Reorganization bill the Mrs. Porterfield was burned in Delta, of boots and shoes at the military prison safe place, and take good care of it until I blanket swayed to and fro ir the wind she ness was her only support.

United States gathered at Lexington, re- | boots and shoes of the army have been cently to attend an auction sale of thor- and are being manufactured at for an average of \$1,000 each. Blue Wing The committee are satisfied that what startled pair looked to see their neigh. heavens! what was the creature going to ents this year. My little girl friends and The bill now before the South Carolina and Bob Fisher \$5,050, all going to Sam prison cost more than if they were made Legislature to prevent the organization of Brown, the coal king of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Henderson (Ky.) Buggy Company, throwing fifty men out of employment, has found in the professional workman. The springing up and placing a chair for his room, drag out the straw bed and fling it any thing. I love children who are good resumed operations with a full force of The wages of the men per hour are the Lizzie Swick, in attempting to pass in same as paid before the suspension of factory to be run by convict labor in com-

ew nights ago, with his cotton money, \$100, he was waylaid when three miles | worth prison for desertion, followed by from town, and robbed and dangerously an education as a shoemaker, a harness shot, by three negmes. The scoundrels have been arrested and lodged in jail. General W. G. Harding, proprietor of the Belle Meade stock farm, located six tation to his home and five dollars to remiles from Nashville, who died a few days | fresh himself with, has no such terror in ago, aged seventy-eight years, was one of | it as to tend to suppress the crime. In a States. He had been in ill-health for said in favor of it, thrown out of employment by the refusal several years, but, nevertheless, mani- an aid to military fested great interest in turf matters | the committee think it too weak. The comgenerally, and in the success of his great | mittee, as a step in the progress of reform. al Harding turned over the management

Louisville, Ky., has a haunted house. Suit has been instituted in the Federal Court at Jackson Miss., by the United States Government against the hondsmen of L. N. Kimball, to recover \$3,200. The Government claims that he is short that to the wreck of the J. M. White. amount as Receiver of Public Money of | crew of the steamer Beverly Harris Sat-Mississippi. John T. Hull succeeded him A COMMITTEE has been organized with as Receiver of Public Moneys in 1883.

ers of Kentucky recently held at Lexing- Morgan (colored), Rev. Gleason Allen (col- over and stay all night with her. I saw ton, it was decided that the supply and de- ored), and an unknown colored man. The two or three Injuns a-passin' down the Mr. Farn Moore, of Little Rock, "Ark., livery should regulate the tobacco production, and to relieve the present distress in prices it was recommended that at least fifty per cent. of the crop of 1886 should be withheld from the market indefinitely. The pecan crop in Texas is very light

this year,

bottom of the affair.

ville (Tenn.) Daily American building. The other by the fireman, who did not know that the cock connecting the two boilers had been left open. Patrick Hanifen, late of the Park Theater, Nashville, Tenn., and now a detective, was attacked on the street a few

ASHINGTON NEWS.

BOLIVAR, TENNESSEE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1886.

Congressmen Leaving for Home in Advance of the Holiday Recess—The Outlook for Business in Both Houses—Mere Routine Work Only Likely to be Done. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- Congress is so demoralized over the near approach of the holidays and the disposition of the Morriband. Each has one son, and the sons are son tariff bill that it will accomplish but little this week. It is generally believed The negroes of Grant Parish, La., are | that it will adjourn Wednesday afternoon holding meetings and organizing for the until Tuesday, January 4, and several purpose of forcing land-owners to rent | Senators and Representatives left the city their lands at less than four dollars per for their homes Saturday night and yester day, not to return until the opening in the The Supreme Court of Texas, in decide new year. A number of members had ing that Ft. Davis is the legal county seat | their sachels ready for departure as soon of Presidio County, rendered void \$100,000 as they were recorded in the vote on the Tariff bill, and scarcely waited to learn the result. Those who voted with the victors were so well satisfied that they did not care for the subsequent proceedings, while those who were among the interest on the bonded debt of Tennesses vanquished were sufficiently disgusted to will be due. At present the State Treas 'let the thing take care of itself," as they

> Mere matters of routine are in the programme of the House for the three days before hollday recess. After the call of the States and Territories to-day for the atroduction of new measures, there will be the usual suspension of rules for the passage of bills from committees. The call rests on the committee on militia. Mr. Forney, in the absence of Chairman Mal lory, will move to take up the bill reported some time ago by the committee providing for an increase of the appropriation for present annual appropriation being \$200,-000. It is not likely that any thing further under the call of committees will be taken up until the committee on invalid pensions is reached, when Chairman Matson will ask for the consideration of his substitute for the Blair Universal Pension bill, giving uniform pension of twelve dollars a month to all disabled soldiers in all wars for the Union. The Blair bill gives pensions from one to twenty-four fellars per month, according to disability, o those who served in the late war, and who are now disabled from any cause not the outgrowth of vicious habits. It is likely that this measure will consume the

On Tuesday the committee on Territories, which had the floor Saturday when the Tariff bill was called for, and which was iscussing the Oklahoma bill, will demand the floor by right of having possession of it, as stated, but it will be antagonized by hairman Bragg of the committee on military affairs for the consideration of the

Army Appropriation bill. Chairman Hatch of the committee on agriculture will try to get the floor for his II. providing for a cabinet office in the nights ago. Both men had been drinking. | privileged and has as many rights as an appropriation bill, but has a number Amherst County, Pa., in 1776, died recently of times been set aside and may be so ntends to report the Pension bill on Tuesday, but will not try to have it considered

In the Senate the outlook for work is uncertain. If Mr. Evarts is present at the expiration of the morning hour to-day the bill prohibiting members of Congress from acting as attorneys for railroads At Greenville, Ala., a few days since, will be taken up and he will speak upon it. This measure was the unfinished business der. If this does not come up and General Logan is present, his measure authorizing the Secretary of War to accept certain brave enough to advocate the allowance of lands near Chicago, will receive considera-

\$100 per month, the aggregate cost to the On Tuesday Mr. Cullom will ask to have considered the conference report on inter-State commerce, providing there is a probable. He says the report can not be referred to the committee on any pretext no tariff, by means of central factories | that when it comes up it must be accepted or non-concurred in and a new conference ordered. It is his belief that the report will be adopted.

The Urgency Deficiency Appropriation bill is on the sitate for action before the

holion recess. CONVICT LABOR.

The Contract Labor System in the Fort Leavenworth Prison Severely Criticised by the Committee on Military Affairs. Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative military affairs, has submitted a report to the House criticising severely the employ-The residence and boarding-house of ment of prison labor for the manufacture and here it is. Now go and put it in some guish his swarter features, and as his Miss., a few evenings since. It was a clean | in Leavenworth. The report says: "The sweep. She has kept a boarding-house in | committee find that for the last fiscal year that place for many years, and her busi- | there was drawn from the clothing fund by the management of the military prison Turfmen from every section of the at Leavenworth \$100,815, and that the oughbreds, at which eighty-five were sold such prisno by military convicts. brought \$7,600, the Duke of Bourbon \$6,050, the boots and shoes manufactured at the por, Hiram Otwood, standing in the door do? A noise near the channey seemed to boy friends must share some of their good and furnished upon contract by manufact urers. There is, of necessity, that lack of committee can not forbear from expresshands, but work only eight hours per day. | ing their conviction that the United States Government should not build up a manupetition with the honest artisan who As Lindsey Hall, a white farmer, was supports his family by the product proceeding home from Pine Bluff, Ark., a of his labor. It is also the belief of the committee that a sentence to the Leavenmaker, a chairmaker or a broom-maker, good living, a suit of clothes at the expiration of the term of sentence, transporthe best known breeders in the United | humanitarian point of view much can be reeding establishment, where many of the have put a limit of \$125,000 upon the besthorses in the land were reared. Gener- amount that can be expended out of the clothing fund at the military prison for in the past four weeks, the greater por-tion coming from Alabama, Georgia and the current year, and express a more than the current year, and express a more than the current year, and express a more quick inquiry.

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Recovering the Bodies. BAYOU SARA, La., Dec. 20.—The wrecking

boat George F. Rootes, and Captains Burns and Buck, experienced divers, have gone urday recovered the bodies of Captain Stafford and wife, of Vandalia, Albert Brown (colored). William Bailey, Charles badly burned body of an unknown white man was also found. When the Masons of this place heard of the recovery of Captain Stafford's body, they made arrangements for the care of it and will ship it to his relatives in Memphis.

----A Victors Mill.

Boston, Dec. 20.-A desperate prize fight. John Bestick and Albert Brown were said by experts to have been the most scalded and burned a few days ago while savagely contested that ever took place in engaged in repairing a boiler in the Nashthe East, was witnessed in a loft on the wharf in this city late Saturday night, only ten sporting men, who paid the expenses of the affair, being present besides the principals and seconds. The fighters were Dick Cronin, of this city, and Abe Humer, champion light-weight of the United States Navy. Thin kid gloves were used. The men fought till neither could cowhided him in a lively style. Hanifen was accompanied by another woman, and it is supplesed that jealousy was at the both sides. Both men's faces were cut to

CHRISTMAS.

The crescent moon, now dim and old, Like some good shepherd, through the fold Of blinking stars, at set of day, With faltering footsteps makes his way, The skies are sprinkling here and there The earth's white breast with jewels rure, And snow-birds in the barren pines Make common wailing with the winds, The sleigh-bells tinkle in the breeze, And laughter echoes through the trees; While o'er the crisp and moonlit snow, With airy bound the good steeds go.

Then by the fire the father sits, While children play, and mother knits, Or tells of Christ, the Child, who lay Within the manger far away, In Bethlehem; and how the great And wise men came in humble state To pay Rim homage; then the death Of Him who hallowed Nazareth.

expressed it. The Visit of an Unwelcome arms for the militia to \$400,000 a year, the

"Santa-Claus." A Tale of New York in 1800. [Original.] ARY, the boys and I will have to go down to the village to-morrow morning with

one night alone, will you? over her face.

John said nothing, but went to the winflow and looked out. The storm was beginning to break away. The snow was now

before the holidays.

"A WOMAN'S FORLORN FIGURE."

falling more gently, and in the East faint minous streaks of silver gave signs of a perfect moonlight night. He turned with brighter face, and spoke cheerfully: no more snow falls the roads will be fair, approached it. Then the steps seemed to and if we can get an early start in the retreat, and a few moments later she heard before Santa Claus comes down the chim- and taking advantage of the moment she ney," he added, merrily-"but see here, little wife, I almost forgot the good news looked out. Her fears were all too plainly that I have to tell you. Parson Stanley verified, for there in the bright moonlight settled that old account with me to-day | was the unmistakable figure of a great paid me every dollar, and interest besides, brawny Indian. She could clearly distin rome back. Next spring we'll put a face on | thought she detected a gleaming knife in this old log house that our neighbors won't recognize. Great guns! I'd like to know She ha where all this cold air comes from !" broke | more listened with breathless anxiety off John, with a sudden change of subject. For a time all was still; then a strange, "Good evenin'! good evenin'! I thought

queer guest

my chair near the fire, I'm going into the gling, as if trying to extricate itself. ther room for awhile," and the kindhearted hostess rose as she spoke. "O no. I'm not a bit cold. Just you keep your seat," he feebly remonstrated, droping into the proffered chair nevertheless without any ado and spreading his rough, cold hands in the very blaze of the cheerful fire. "I tried to git wife to come over with me for a little chat this evenin', but she was a-gittin' the childern to sleep and couldn't leave," and the wretched fellow's teeth fairly chattered as he self. "I'll tell you all about it if you'll tried to keep up a show of conversation. "I'm real glad that you've come over, Hiram, for I want to ask you to keep an eye

the village. "Jest so! When be you goin'?" was the replied the other, "and I can't get back un til real late to-morrow night." "Well, I'm goin' down thar myself tomorrow noon, but I'll have Hanner look

arter things."

on my premises while I'm gone down to

not an every-day event among those simple mountain-dwellers. "Yes, that's so, but if Mrs. Comstock feels at all skeered I'll have Hanner come alone Mrs. Comstock, " he said, addressing "Indeed, I'm not the least bit timid,"

was the spirited reply. "There's not snough life left in one of those poor creat-

"Is that so;" inquired the astonished John, for a trip to the distant village was

ures to frighten a baby." "You're right. They wouldn't worry a muskeeter. But I must be a-goin' now.' And, rising, the awkward visitor drew an questions. Santa Claus, alias the noble old faded scarf from his pocket and envel- red man, couldn't resist the temptation of oped his head and neck in its folds. "Where | trying to come down our chimney when ev be the boys to-night?" he suddenly asked. ery thing was so nicely fixed up for his regoing with me in the morning, you know," squeeze and got pretty well smoth-and poer, thred John tried not to look bored ered by the smoke; but he as the fellow still lingered. A few moments dropped down at last, and Mrs. Otwood later he growled a sort of good-night and and I reached the house just in time to

he went. "You don't suppose he is near enough to stead. And now the wily savage has been it that I shall not be glad to see forgotten."

to be gone to-morrow, for I should fee erfectly easy about you if he were only oing to be at home. I'll tell you what I'll ing and tell her if any thing happens up ere, or if you want her you'll blow the inner-horn and let her know."

sense of loneliness.

"O, pshaw, John! what is going to hapen! You go and get your kindlings ready for the morning, and don't let me hear any shade of anxiety off his face and went into the little bedroom adjoining.

Long before sunrise the simple houseeaten, and half an hour later a woman's forlorn figure might have been seen stand ing alone in the road outside the humble dwelling, in a listening attitude, as the oc to her on the still wintry air. Not until the go into the house. It was not long before the sau rose clear and bright, and soon industrious hands dispelled all lingering

They hear from her the story, how He made men good and pure, and now Expects us always to pursue Lives noble, temperate and true; And when the children kneel to pray, They bless the Lord for Christmas Day, -Charles Knowles Bolton, in Demorest's Maga-

DOWN THE CHIMNEY.

her dear ones. Ere nightfall, from the rude ceiling everhead depended graceful festoons of evergreen; the silvery frostwork of the windows had a worthy emer aid setting, and the spacious fire-place filled with golden light and warmth was surrounded by a rich mass of green; ir short, the humble little dwelling had been THE poor old bachelor pusses by empletely transformed by the magic ands of love, and this same touch had fair y transfigured the face and form of the ccupant until she appeared every inch the queen of this fragrant, summer bower. At last there was nothing more to b tone. Each stocking-Willie's, Henry's yes, John's, and her own as well-all hung around the chimney, which was surely an ple enough to admit the burly form of Kris Kringle himself, if he still kept up his old custom. And now it was time to prepare for the night. As she drew the plain white the wood, and I don't curtains together she found, to her surprise suppose we'll be able that each window was nailed fast, and she get back before knew that this was the work of dear, Wednesday morning, thoughtful John before he went away

but I guess you won't Why had he been so worried about her, she be afraid to stay here wondered. There was nothing to fear, she tried to reassure herself, as she went to the John Comstock did not look at his little outside doors and drew the bolts; neverthe wife as he spoke, but stood with his back less, with candle in hand she searched toward her, shaking the snow from his old thoroughly each room, not neglecting to gray hat and coat, for he well knew the lift the bed-valance, and investigate the you perfectly free and untrammeled. I won't influence you by suggesting the tini-ver her face.

"Why, no, of course I'm not afraid," was be ready roply. "What should I be afraid."

"Why, no, of course I'm not afraid," was crept softly into bed. Many times she had be ready roply. "What should I be afraid." shade of disappointment that was passing proverbial hiding-place of thieves and vilthe ready reply. "What should I be afraid stayed alone thus without a shadow of fear me a rest by all mouns, dear-give m of, and up here among the mountains in -why should she care now! she asked But leave out the dictionary part of this honest little place?-but it won't seem herself again and again, and trying to be- Tid-Bits suite like Christmas eve to-morrow night lieve that she was only nervous from without you all-and you know it will be fatigue she at last dropped into a slumber. spent it together since we were married," she added, hesi- tell, but she had awakened with a start, How long had she slent! She could no tatingly, with a slight tremor in her usually and was sitting up in bed in a half con scious state. She could not tell what had roused her, but she thought it must have been the striking of the clock, for it was just telling the hour of twelve with start-

ling distinctness; yet there she sat mo-

away in the oppressive stillness. The

tionless long after the last stroke had died

moonlight was shining through the cur-

tains, casting an uncertain light over each bject in the room. It seemed as if some stuck a pin through a piece of paper nysterious presence had startled her. She | was poking it through the crevice stened with painful interest, her gaze register under the parlor mante fixed on the window opposite, and, as she cooked, the dark outline of the cases out the Claus comes down the chimney he'll seemed to move upward. No could not on the pin and holler, and then I'll wall e. It must have been caused by the and see him," gleefully replied the c strong wind that wes blowing; yet, surely | youngster .- N. Y. Journal. the wind could not move it in that direc-She thought of the Indians that Hiram had seen that day; she thought of the money concealed under the foot of the bed and then John's charge to her regarding he danger-signal flashed through her mind She sprang out of bed in an instant, but the next moment, to her dismay, she remen bered that she had neglected to bring the linner-horn into the house, and that it was

then lying in its accustomed place in the woodshed. She would not venture out there for a kingdom. All her courage seemed to eave her. Noisclessly she went to the window to ascertain to a cer tainty that it was secure, and as she examined each one in turn, she could distinctly hear footsteps on the crackling snow, fol "The storm is evidently about over. If lowing her, and trying each window as she timidly raised a corner of the curtain and

She hastily dropped the curtain and once rustling sound was heard, and the next I'd walk right in without knockin', kind o' thing she realized was that a heavy body that there are a great many poor little chilneighbor-like, yer know," and the some- was creeping along the roof. Great dren who will not get any Christmas presbe her answer. Already he was coming things with these poor children. If they "Jiminy! man, you might as well kill a down there, and, taking in the situation at | do I will bring them a great many more fellow as to scare him to death," good- a glance, the courage and strength of des- presents next Christmas; but if they do gaturedly exclaimed the honest host, peration came to her. To rush into the not, I will be very apt not to bring them on the dying embers was the work of and kind to the poor. Tell this to all the "Do tell! did I skeer yer! I thought I scarcely an instant. Then involuntarily her children, and tell the grown-up folks that made a great rumpus as I come onto the eyes followed the upward direction of the they should remember the poor people toblaze. There, through the thick smoke, she day, particularly the poor little girls and "We were busy talking and didn't hear | could plainly see hanging in the chimney a | boys who have so little cause to love and

you. Why, how blue you look !- Here, take dark form, which appeared to be strug- bless the holy Christmas time." Wild with terror, and guided now only by impulse, she flew out of the house reached the wood shed, and grasping the horn she blew such loud, frantic notes that they must have been heard for miles in the still, clear air. Then she started to run "Now, I think the sied should go to Jennie down the road, but every thing swam be-

fore her, her knee sank under her, and the next moment she knew no more. "Never mind; don't talk just now," John was saying to her when she came to her-

"Oh, they've been abed an hour. They're | ception; but he found it a rather tight took his departure, slamming the door as prevent a thorough roasting. He was very well done on one side, and just ready to "As good and honest a soul as ever turn when we came in. I felt a strong in

hear me, do you! I'm so sorry he's going reduced to an olly one, and lies wrapped in linen bandages, over at the Otwood's, I begged the poor, heart-broken woman to take him in charge, for he bore such a lo; I'll stop at Mrs. Otwood's in the morn- strong resemblance to Hiram that I thought he might turn out to be a long-lost brother, or something of that kind, you know. By the way, Pm under an impression that as soon as the patient recovers we shall lose our neighbors. Can you guess why!" John asked, in a most significant more of this nonsense," and she kissed the | manrer. " What! you don't understand yet!" he continued, as a confused, puzzled ook was the only answer. " Well, I must drop enigmas, I see, and speak in plain Enheld was astir, a hearty breakfast was glish. Your terrible visitor was none other than Hiram Otwood, himself, disguised as an Indian. You remember how cold and blue he looked last night when he came in so suddenly upon us. He had been listencasional sound of beloved voices came back | ing outside for about twenty minutes. No wonder he sat there all of a shiver! The last tones had died away did she turn and upshot of the matter is that the villain heard every word of our conversation and

any," and before the little woman could ut-The usual household duties over, she pro- ter a word John had left the room, softly eeded to prepare a pleasant surprise for closing the door after him. Julia H. Theyfor

HOLIDAY ITEMS.

came for the money I left with you. There,

there! you promised you wouldn't talk

The gorgeous stores, nor looks At Christmas gifts which greet the eye And flatten pocket-books; He does not pause or gaze, because He takes no stock in Santa Claus. 'Dogs he know anything about music?" Well, I should rather think he ought "How sop" "Well, for one thing, 's the father of twins not more than six oths old, and, for another, his wife was dead set on having a seal-skin for Christ-

mas, and didn't get it."-Chicago Ledger. I WOULD I were a boy again, Back in the old home, quaint and dear; With Christmas coming, now and then, Say about nineteen times a year, And that I wore, brand new and whole, Stockings as long as a telegraph pole,

Wire-"What shall I give you for Christons, deary! I want you to tell me frankly, so that I shan't make any mistake. I leave

CHRISTMAS comes But once a year, But when it comes And if you haven't Got the dust In beauteous plenty It will bust You higher than A flying kite, I'll bet ten cents You'll say I'm right!

"WHAT are you doing, Ethel?" asked

nother of a four-year-old girl who EMPTY is his stocking

Happy is the urchin With his blatant horn. Which is why the neighbors Wish the boy would go Where the howling breezes Of old ocean blow. He should take that trumpet (Of all toys the worst), To some desert island, And blow until he burst.

-N. Y. Journal, Maun-" Laura, I am almost distracted trying to think what to give Gus for Christons. What are you going to give Algy!" Laura-"I haven't made up my mind yet. But I want a new pair of lace curtains for the parlor, and a lambrequin for the library; either of them, I think, would be just lovely." Maud-"So they would. I am going to give Gus a nice cut-glass smelling bottle." Gus-"Hello, Algy! got morning I think we can manage to get back | the door-latch softly lifted, but she knew | Laura's Christmas present under your arm home before midnight-at least some time | she had nothing to fear from that direction, | there!" Algy-" Yes; I'm going to give her a shaving set." Gus-" Good! That will be a joke. I've got a box of cigars for Maud. Bet she won't give me any more tidies for my Christmas."—Harper's Bazar.

"WHAT kind of fruit do you love best?" He questioned the maiden fair; "The juicy apple, with rosy cheek, Or the sweet and luselous pear?" The gentle maiden smiled and said:

Better than all the fruits I know Is the fruit of the Christmas tree." SANTA CLAUS writes to the editor as folws: "I want you to say in your paper

THEY were sitting by the fire-Job Shuttle and his wife. The children had gone to bed and the subject of Christmas presents was under discussion. "I suppose Jack wants a sled," suggested Mrs. Shuttle, "and Jonnie wants a pair of sicates." and the skates to Jack," said Job. "Why not give us both sleds and skates?" sounded a piping voice from the inner bed-room. "You shan't have a solitary thing at all." said Job, excitedly. But they will. Every bureau drawer in the house is chock full of

promise to lie quite still and not ask any truck for the children .- Hartford Post. Always Be Prompt. Half the value of any thing to be done onsists in doing it promptly. And yet a large class of persons are al-ways more or less unpunctual and late. Their work is always in advance of them. and so it is with their appointments and

They are late, very likely, in rising in the morning and also in going to bed at night; late at their meals; late at the ounting-house or office; late at their apcointments with others. Their letters are sent to the post-office just as the mail is closed. They arrive at the wharf just as the steamboat is leaving train is going out.

engagement of duty, but they are always behind time, and so generally in haste, or rather in a hurry, as if they had been born a little too late, and forever were trying to catch up with the lost time. They waste time for themselves and waste it for others, and fail of the comfort and influence and success which they might have found in systematic and habitual

They do not entirely forget or omit the

said to have replied that it was her religion not to disturb the religion of others.

And if it were with all a part, both of courtesy and duty, not to say of religion, never to be unpunctual, they would save much vexation of spirit. - Young People.

A good old lady who was asked why she

was so early in her seat in the church, is

---JULIAN HAWTHORNE confesses: "Almost twod," said the husband at last, during to climation to give him a good busting, but every thing that I have written has been treak the silence with a hearty laugh concluded you needed my attention in from necessity, and there is very little of

